



**Town of Nantucket  
Finance Committee**

**Agenda of the Finance Committee  
Meeting of Thursday, February 19, 2015  
4 Fairgrounds Road Training Room  
4:00PM**

1. Call to Order.
2. Public Comment.
3. Approval of Minutes from Meetings on February 17, 2015.
4. Committee Reports.
5. Review of Health and Human Services Funding Allocations.
6. Review and Finalize Motions for Warrant Articles for 2015 Annual Town Meeting.
7. Date of Next Meeting: March 2, 2015.
8. Adjournment.

**TOWN OF NANTUCKET  
CONTRACT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**February 16th, 2015**

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:  
FY 2016 HUMAN SERVICES GRANT AGREEMENTS  
(PER CODE OF NANTUCKET CHAPTER 12)**

This presents the independent report and recommendations of the Contract Review Committee [CRC] regarding the placement on the Town Warrant of Proposed Awards of Town Human Services Grant Agreements for FY 2016. This report is submitted to the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen as required by Chapter 12 Section 6 of the Code of the Town of Nantucket.

In support of our recommendations, the CRC also forwards our Analysis and Rationale for Recommendations for each proposal [Attachment A], Article 9 Funding History dating from FY 2000 [Attachment B] Data from Human Service providers on services provided [Attachment C].Inquirer and Mirror article 1/15/2015(Heroin use on the rise on Nantucket by John Stanton front page)[Attachment D]Inquirer and Mirror 1/15/2015 District Court Report by Lindsay Pykosz[Attachment E]Inquirer and Mirror 2/12/2015 Dangerousness Hearing continued in beating case by Lindsay Pykosz[Attachment F] The Boston Globe 2/01/2015 by Brian MacQuarrie Middle –age suicides rattle Nantucket[Attachment G]United States Census 2014[Attachment H]WCAI Cape and Island radio May 27<sup>th</sup> 2014 Major Demographic Shifts Hit Nantucket Schools By Jason Graziadei [Attachment I]Nantucket Public Schools 2014-2015 enrollment[ Attachment J]Back to Basics Council for Human Services 2010 Report to the Board of Selectman [Attachment K]Town Of Nantucket Registered voter population [Attachment L] Nantucket Cottage Hospital Quartley report FY2015 to the town of Nantucket July-September October-December[ Attachment M]

**SUMMARY**

The Town Manager has identified an increase in the Human Services Budget from \$317,880 for FY2015 to \$350,000 for FY2016 .The CRC supports this increase and applauds Town Management for the continued support of such vital services to the Island community. Accordingly, the CRC is recommending allocations among the proposals received within that budget target. The CRC continues to believe that the economy, increasing human services needs, public health and safety concerns and changing demographics amply justify the increase in the sum that the Town has budgeted for this purpose.

Accordingly, in addition to the recommendations for funding within the target budget, the CRC has support documentation for the need of the new budget.

The CRC has done their due Diligence, and deliberated carefully in crafting these recommendations. We recognize that the Town has no legal obligation to provide human services such as these, and that if it does, a public purpose must be identified and served.

In addition to the grant packet submissions The CRC requested additional information pertaining to the following services areas: Increase in services provided to individuals, was there an increase in the number of individuals seeking services, had there been an increase in cost of services provided? In addition to reviewing each grant proposal for FY2016 the CRC board members were paired to meet with the individual Human Service providers for onsite interviews after grant presentations. In-depth research was done on the Islands Human Service's needs.

The United States Census for 2013 shows the Island population to be 10,200 with an increase of 2.2% in the Island community over 2012 with no availability of the 2014 census. The Town of Nantucket 2014 Census earmarks the population at 12,484, a 2,284 discrepancy to U.S. Census. Markedly the Nantucket Public Schools enrollment shows a marked increase of 26% since 2010 with a projected increase of an additional 14% by 2019, demographically over the last twenty years the school has seen a significant change. In 1994 97% of the school population was Caucasian, in 2014 the schools demographic was 61% Caucasian, 21% Hispanic, 15% African American, 3% Eastern European. Massachusetts Town Clerks use an adage formulation of for every registered voter there is a non-registered voter, Nantucket's registered voter population is 8,608 using this formulation that would place us at a population of over 17,216. If you were to take the voting population of 8,608 and add the total enrolled school population of all three school servicing school age children of 1786, and The Massachusetts E.E.C statistics showing 205 children aged 2.5 to 5 enrolled in early childhood programs on Nantucket these totals alone are 10,599 already placing us 399 over the current U.S. Census number. Taking into effect these are the only documented population verifiers. Registered birth certificates for the Town of Nantucket show that only 1/3 of the children being born on Nantucket are born to parents that are American Citizens. The Nantucket Cottage Hospital Health Care Advocacy Program (Social Service department) provides services to 2186 individuals quarterly just under 2/3 are non-citizens. When reviewing the available information it could be estimated that Nantucket does not have a year-round population of 10,200, perhaps a more accurate figure would be close to 20,000. If we were to take the U.S. 2013 Census number of 10,200 and compare it to the Town Census of 12,484 there is a 22.39% increase in the island population. On the same note if we took the estimated population done by the adage analysis of 17,216 there would be a 51.18% increase in the Island population, now if we took the possible estimate of 20,000 that would show us a 96.7% increase in the Island population.

This increased population brings with it more strain on all aspects of the Island services whether public or private, as well as increased issues related to such a spontaneous growth. We have seen an alarming growth in the disease of substance abuse effecting our island Community especial our young adults, the magnitude in which both physical and sexual assaults have changed is frightful. Mental health issues continue to plague our health care providers. With no access to State and Federal Human Services support

agencies for walk in help, social service providers are called upon to provide the needed advocacy. There is a need for a greater continued care for the growing elderly community, there is an increased inability to access affordable housing. On top of all is the very prevalent change in the islands demographics. It then becomes evident by sheer number alone that the Human service providers on a whole are serving more needs to the Island community.

It is important to note that in FY2000 the Town of Nantucket allocated \$465,948 in the Human Services Grant monies. In FY2010 the Human Service Grant monies decreased by 10% going from \$331,000 in Fy2009 to \$297,900 in FY2010. In FY 2015 the Human Service Grants was \$317,880 a 6% increase from FY2010 still 4% shy from the FY2009 funding. The requested increase of 9% for FY2016 will in entirety be an increase of 5% since 2009. The difference in allocated funds for Human Service since 2000 has decreased by 25% if the FY2016 request is granted.

In reviewing each proposals, we have determined that 1) a public purpose is served by the services; 2) the provider has demonstrated that the proposal is cost-effective; and 3) the services meet a specific need level which was identified by the Council for Human Services in its 2010 "Back To Basics" 2010 Report to the Board of Selectmen on Human Services Contracting. [Attachment H].

## REQUEST

We respectfully request that the Board of Selectmen adopt the funding recommendations set forth below and that the Finance Committee issue a positive recommendation on these allocations within Article 9 of the Town Warrant.

### **CRC FY 2016 Article 9 Funding Recommendations**

	<b>Agency</b>	<b>FY 2014 Award</b>	<b>FY 2015 Award</b>	<b>FY 2016 request</b>	<b>FY 2015 CRC Recommendations</b>
1	A Safe Place	\$45,000	\$44,000	\$50,000	<b>*\$50,000</b>
2	ASAP	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$6,750	<b>*\$6,750</b>
3	Elder Services of Cape Cod	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000	<b>\$13,000</b>
4	Family Planning	\$10,000	\$11,000	\$24,960	<b>*\$24,960</b>
5	Family & Children's Svcs	\$110,000	\$100,000	\$110,000	<b>\$100,000</b>
6	MVCS	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	<b>\$12,000</b>
7	Legal Services	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,120	<b>\$4,120</b>
8	Rental Assistance Program	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$40,000	<b>\$25,000</b>

9	Emergency Food Pantry	\$34,000	\$35,000	\$40,000	<b>\$35,000</b>
10	NCH Social Services	\$35,880	\$35,000	\$62,170	<b>\$57,170</b>
11	Access Nantucket (formerly Nantucket Aids Network	\$20,000	\$19,880	\$53,440	<b>\$15,000</b>
12	Small Friends		\$10,000	\$10,000	<b>\$7,000</b>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$317,883</b>	<b>\$317,880</b>	\$427,055	<b>\$350,000</b>

### **Contract Monitoring**

Following the approval at Town Meeting in March, 2013 of Human Services Contracts, the CRC commenced a project to conduct site visits and interviews with providers who were performing services in order to have a more hands on method for reviewing and assessing the performance of providers.

Although the Human Services Director had provided such oversight and reported to the Council for Human Services and the CRC in the past, the CRC believed that first hand observations and contact would enhance the ability of the CRC to understand the work provided under the town's Grant Agreements and to more accurately report to the Board and the Finance Committee regarding the public purpose served as well as the cost effectiveness of the programs observed.

After discussion and analysis, the CRC established the following methodology: Two members were assigned to a provider and were asked to visit with and interview the principals of the agencies assigned. Thereafter, the factual details and results of the visits and interviews were reviewed and discussed at an open meeting of the CRC.

All members reported that they had learned much from the experience. Written narratives were submitted in some cases and in other cases reports of the CRC members were provided orally at the open meeting.

For FY2016 the CRC has made recommendations for added provisions to some contracts to help better monitor the services providers.

# Attachment B

## FUNDING HISTORY FOR TOWN'S HUMAN SERVICES CONTRACTS

Agencies Funded	2007 Requests	2007	2008 Requests	2008	2009 Requests	2009	2010 Requests	2010	2011 Requests	2011	2012	2013 Requests	2013 CRC recommended
NCH Social Services Program	\$52,390	50,000	57,579	50,000	57,579	42,000	60,456	32,500	\$50,000.00	\$52,500.00	\$52,500.00		
NCH Adult Day Care													
NCH/SA Recovery Resources													
NCH Public Health													
LA Safe Place	70,000	50,000	150,000	50,000	75,000	50,000	60,000	50,000	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Elder Services	8,834	8,834	8,027	8,027	8,835	8,385	8,000	8,000	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00
Family & Children's Services	226,280	122,005	226,280	122,006	175,000	122,005	175,000	122,100	\$185,000.00	\$182,100.00	\$152,100.00	\$130,000.00	\$124,853.00
Food Pantry	40,000	19,885	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
Legal Services	3,800	3,800	3,900	3,800	3,300	3,540	3,800	3,800	\$3,800.00	\$3,900.00	\$3,900.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Small Friends	31,476	31,476	33,642	32,168	34,551	24,000	27,000	0				\$42,000.00	\$15,000.00
Strong Wings													
Nantucket Aids Network									\$50,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$20,000.00
Nantucket Foster Care													
Sherburne Commons	20,000	0											
Big Brothers /Big Sisters	12,000	0											
Conn. Network for Children													
Alliance for Substance Abuse	36,700	15,000	48,000	20,000	58,000	30,000	61,280	30,000	\$20,000.00		see NHHS		
Nantucket Housing Authority													
Interfaith Housing Advocate													
N. Reg. Transit Authority													
Beach Management													
Dance Nantucket													
ACDC													
Council on Aging													
Nan. Center for Elder Affairs													
Island Health Plan Inc.													
Nantucket HS Center Inc.	27,364	5,000			24,000	0							
Lighthouse H. Access Alliance													
Interfaith C. Rental Assistance	30,000	10,000	25,000	10,000	22,000	15,000	30,250	10,000	\$25,000.00	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$38,500	\$30,000
Boy's and Girls Club/CNC													
MTV Community Services	18,900	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	\$15,000.00	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$15,125	\$15,000
Human Services /Human Condition	14,885												
Human Services /Social Services													
Family Planning							14,260	6,500	\$8,383	\$8,383	\$8,383	\$12,550	\$11,000
Housing Nantucket							15,000	0					
* NEW Habitat for Humanity										30			
Total Health & Human Services	\$540,239	\$331,000	\$563,648	\$331,000	\$486,455	\$331,000	\$464,386	\$297,900	\$548,750	\$317,883	\$317,883	\$445,555	\$317,883

CRC funding history through FY15 recommendations



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ATTACHMENT C

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From: **Katharine Robinson Grieder** (kat@asafeplacenantucket.org)

Sent: Tue 2/17/15 3:38 PM

To: dee edwards (hoss.75@live.com)

*Kat*

Katharine Robinson Grieder

Executive Director

Please note our new address:

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**From:** Katharine Robinson Grieder  
**Sent:** Friday, February 13, 2015 4:55 PM  
**To:** 'dee edwards'  
**Subject:** Statistics

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Hi Dorothy,

As I suspected, this was a little challenging, but here's what I have for you. I hope it's helpful. I compared the most recent fiscal quarter Oct-Dec 2014 with the previous year Oct-Dec 2013 because I could use our new database to do that.

The total number of active clients during that time period was pretty similar, increasing from 74 in 2013 to 77 in 2014, but the number of hotline calls and total sessions increased significantly! Hotline calls increased from 59 to 83 (41% increase) and sessions 452 to 536 (19% increase).

I wish I could do better and give you more in depth data. I do know that last month, January, 15 of the 53 folks we had contact with were new. A lot of people are struggling...plus I'm sure you've read the articles in the paper.

Good luck and let me know if there's anything else you need.

*Kat*

Katharine Robinson Grieder

Executive Director

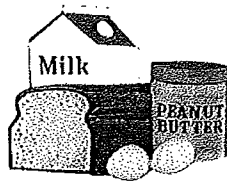
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<b><u>Total</u></b>					
Households	155	222	272	244	256
Adults	234	352	466	443	445
Children	149	224	337	328	274
Seniors	17	22	20	17	24
Total served	400	598	823	788	743
Bags + Holiday	474	763	945+336	793+366	853
<b><u>Unique</u></b>					
Households	93	129	177	161	140
Adults	140	200	304	283	239
Children	85	125	204	189	153
Seniors	8	15	13	10	11
Total served	233	340	521	482	403

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## Health Imperatives- Nantucket Family Planning

From: **dee edwards** (hoss.75@live.com)  
Sent: Fri 1/23/15 2:52 PM  
To: Alex Rosenberg (arosenberg@healthimperatives.org)

Alex

Thanks for the information it was a very informative meeting with you. I am excited that you are in this position. Healthy Imperatives is lucky to have you.

Sent from my Windows Phone

From: **Alex Rosenberg** (arosenberg@healthimperatives.org)  
Sent: Fri 1/23/15 11:27 AM  
To: hoss.75@live.com (hoss.75@live.com)  
Cc: Emily Gold (egold@healthimperatives.org)

Hi Dorothy and John,

Thank you both for taking time to meet with me on Monday. I am very excited about the work here. In 2014, we performed 132 rapid HIV screenings at Nantucket Family Planning. There were 478 Fast Track visits. In 2013, Nantucket Family planning had 577 visits. In looking at/comparing the data, one notice

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have.

Thank you,  
Alex

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# The Inquirer and Mirror

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## Heroin use on the rise on Nantucket

By John Stanton  
Contributing Writer

It happens like this. Police are called to the site of a potential heroin overdose. They begin CPR, maybe on a man in his mid-20s. They administer a drug called Narcan, an opioid antagonist, and prevent the OD from becoming a DOA. The ambulance and paramedic make their way toward Nantucket Cottage Hospital with the patient.

It is a story that plays out more and more on-island, three times in December alone. Law enforcement officials, health-care and counseling professionals, agree that Nantucket has a heroin problem. They stress, however, that the roots of that problem can be as different as the addicts themselves.

"Heroin is more prevalent than a few years ago," said Nan-

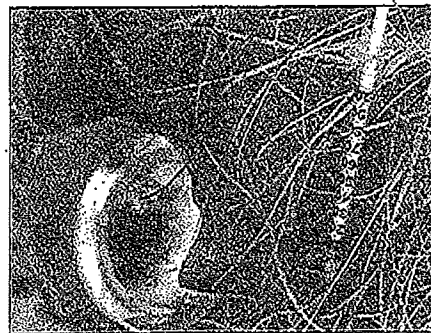


Photo by Nicole Harnisfeger

Drug paraphernalia collected by Nantucket Police nearly two years ago in February 2013.

tucket police Lt. Jerry Adams. "People were using prescription opiates and it transferred to heroin. The market gets a foothold and things expand."

In the cold logic of the illegal

drug trade, market potential follows on the heels of emotional or psychological struggles and drug dependence problems.

Heroin problems are often the next step for opioid abusers. But again, people who spend their workdays dealing with the fallout of drugs advise against seeing the problem through a single lens.

"I don't want to oversimplify it," said Tess Pearson, executive director of Family & Children's Services of Nantucket (FCSN).

"Addiction is complex and a lot of things contribute. The housing situation is a challenge. Many people we work with have to do the shuffle every six months. It can be difficult finding stable year-round work. And yes, the dark weather, the fog and the financial challenges of getting off-island can influence people. But it's not the same for all people."

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— Tessandra Pearson  
Family & Children's Services

Pearson said she sees the increased heroin problem in the numbers of people looking for help. A clinician from FCSN is called to the emergency room to



Tessandra Pearson, executive director of Family & Children's Services.

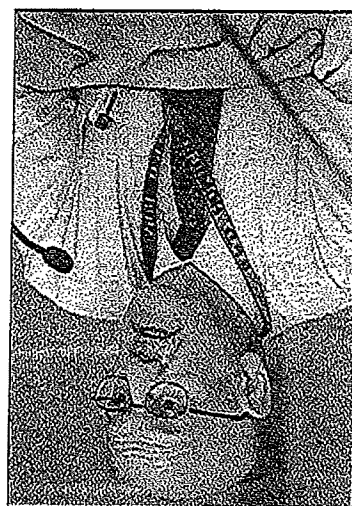
help evaluate in overdose cases. There has been an increase in the number of walk-in cases as well as referrals from doctors

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# Heroin: Family key in fighting addiction

**"Counseling is the key part of any rehab. It's how addicts understand how they got to where they are and how they can get clean."**

— Dr. Tim Lepore



Dr. Tim Lepore

tanyl, which is an extremely potent narcotic." Lepore offers treatment with a drug called Suboxone, which is a combination opioid antagonist and opioid blocker, which blocks the urge to use heroin. At any given time there are between 40 and 50 islanders being treated with Suboxone by him. "People get sick of injecting or snorting and paying half their salary for stuff and they get sick and tired of getting sick and tired," Lepore said. "Suboxone also gives them a bridge of getting potentially clean. It can work in two ways. The first is harm reduction. They are not getting Hepatitis C or opening themselves up to criminal activities. It is a way they can find a moment of clarity to see what they have to do to get clean." Methadone treatment is highly regulated and the closest place it is available is on Cape Cod. The downside of methadone treatments has long been that you replace an addiction to heroin with an addiction to methadone. Lepore said the same thing can happen with Suboxone. "That's what got me inter-

Addicts trying to get clean picking up a needle." Factors to prevent them from we can arm people with education there are more protective factors to prevent them from poor coping skills," she said. "If we can arm people with education there are more protective factors to prevent them from poor coping skills, stress, and factors like boredom, stress, and cycle of addiction, and on risk treatment options, about the cracks and educate them on catch people falling through the have been working together to a lot of community leaders and ended up on heroin. "A lot of community leaders have started with painkillers while an older generation may young men and women in their early 20s that are using heroin, She said more and more it is being physical and psychological might begin socially and end up pen to you," she said. "Drug use them to understand it can happen to you, and you have to get drug addict and you have to get "Nobody starts off being a school. in schools as young as middle measure. She said it can begin Pearson agrees that education is the first preventive action is the first preventive measure. She said it can begin in schools as young as middle school. "Nobody starts off being a drug addict and you have to get them to understand it can happen to you," she said. "Drug use might begin socially and end up being physical and psychological cal addition."

and judges. "We also see it through an increase in calls to the crisis line," she said. FCSN provides a 24-hour, 365-day-a-year crisis line for anybody dealing with drug and alcohol problems. The crisis line is free. The number is (508) 228-2689. "All you need to do is say I need to speak to the on-call clinician. Telephone support is offered and, when appropriate, mobile support. Calls have increased in recent months. There has been a great demand for services since September." Adams takes a three-pronged approach to dealing with drug problems, centering around prevention, law enforcement and treatment. In 2000 the drug problem on the front page was crack cocaine. "It was crack that seemed to be on the rise then," he said. "But by 2010 a number of arrests of key dealers, based on investigations which had begun in 2004, had shut down that illegal marketplace. It's still around. It's just that it isn't prevalent anymore, like we're seeing with heroin these days." Law-enforcement strategy centers on suppressing the supply of heroin. Drug dealers often fall into two categories — addicts who sell to get heroin to feed their own habits and the larger dealers, generally not heroin addicts, who supply them. Local police work in concert with state police and federal investigators. Adams said that in small mainland towns users often go to larger cities to buy drugs, but island users look closer to home.

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ATTACHMENT D

# Court: Full docket in District Court this week

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Christopher A. Russell, 35, of Derby, Conn., was placed on pretrial probation for one year and ordered to remain alcohol free stemming from a July 13, 2014 charge of assault and battery on a police officer. A charge of assault and battery was dismissed at the request of prosecutors after the victim declined to cooperate, and he was found not responsible for a charge of attempting to commit a crime, both charges stemming from the same date.

Three counts of rape against Atlanta businessman and island summer resident John M. Robison, 51, were dropped in District Court so they can be transferred to Superior Court following his indictment in early December.

Robison was arraigned on the charges last summer and released after posting \$5,000 cash bail. Cape & Islands Assistant District Attorney Tara Mil-timore sought — and the Nantucket Country Grand Jury handed up — indictments on two counts of rape in December.

The pretrial probation of Jose A. Tejada-Lopez, 51, of 34 Surfside Road, stemming from a Nov. 19, 2013 charge of receiving stolen property, was terminated.

During Wednesday's District Court session, Carlos C. Chilel,

29, of Florida, was placed on probation for two years for two June 4, 2014 charges of indecent assault and battery on a person over 14 (amended from indecent assault and battery on a person with an intellectual disability). He was ordered to stay away from and have no contact with the alleged victim.

A July 10, 2014 charge of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol against Patricia A. Dew, 53, of 18 Wood Hollow Road, will be continued without a finding for one year. A charge of negligent operation of a motor vehicle and malicious destruction of property over \$250 stemming from the same date were dismissed.

Michael T. Fleischut, 47, of 13 Amelia Dr., was placed on pretrial probation for six months stemming from an Aug. 8, 2014 charge of assault and battery.

A March 8, 2014 charge of negligent operation of a motor vehicle (amended from operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol) will be continued without a finding for one year against Dana Gleason, 39, of Pembroke, Mass. Gleason was found not responsible for a motor-vehicle bylaw violation stemming from the same date.

A May 14, 2014 charge of negligent operation of a motor vehicle against Eugene T. Grimaldi, 71, of Greenwich,

Conn., will be continued without a finding for one year. A charge of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol was dismissed and he was found not responsible for a marked-lanes violation, both charges stemming from the same date.

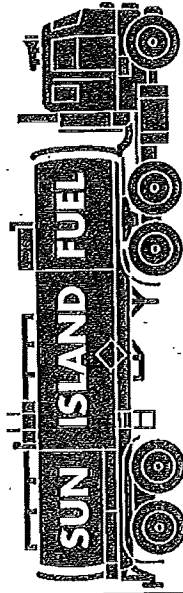
Asa J. Hubner, 61, of 6 Essex Road, was placed on pretrial probation for three years stemming from June 8, 2014 charges of disorderly conduct, possessing/transporting/using a hoax device/substance, body armor use in a felony and making a bomb/hijack threat.

Colin O'Brien, 28, of 3 Rusty's Way, was found guilty and placed on probation for two years on July 25, 2014 charges of assault and battery and resisting arrest. A charge of disorderly conduct stemming from the same date was dismissed.

A Jan. 12, 2015 charge of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license against Edwin E. Regalado-Alvarado, 28, of 29 Nobadeer Farm Road, will be dismissed upon payment of \$200 in court costs.

A Jan. 13, 2015 charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle will be dismissed against David J. Sparrow, 24, of Unity, Maine, upon payment of \$100 in court costs. He was found not responsible for a license-plate violation stemming from the same date.

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# Dangerousness hearing for man who beat girlfriend continued to March 2

By Lindsay Pykosz  
lpykosz@inky.com

An island man will continue to be held in the Barnstable House of Corrections after a dangerousness hearing last Thursday in Nantucket District Court.

Keith N. Johnson, 42, of 69 Hooper Farm Road, was deemed a threat to his girlfriend, the victim of an alleged beating that took place during the early morning hours of Jan. 21.

Johnson was arraigned last month on charges of armed kidnapping with serious bodily injury, indecent assault and battery on a person 14 or over, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, aggravated assault and battery and assault and battery.

Judge Thomas S. Barrett said that, after listening to testimony, he believed Johnson remains a threat to the alleged victim.

"The evidence couldn't be much more clear or convincing that this gentleman is a danger to this individual. Maybe not to the public, but to this individual," Barrett said.

Officer Michael Cook, who was initially dispatched to the Surfside Drive house where the alleged victim asked for help, testified at the hearing that the victim was "yelling for help," allegedly saying "he beat me," in reference to Johnson.

Cook said that she was suffering severe injuries, with swelling visible around her face and neck.

Officers went to Nantucket Cottage Hospital, where the victim was transferred by ambulance, and after subsequent investigation, she told them that she was with Johnson and they began arguing. Johnson allegedly drove her to an isolated parking lot at Surfside Beach where he beat her, drove to El

Point Road, dragged her from the car and "beat her about the head and chest area" with his fist and elbow, Lt. Jerry Adams said last month when Johnson was arraigned.

Johnson then allegedly placed the victim back in the car and drove back to his residence, only to later drive her to an isolated area off South Shore Road and beat her again.

"The two then returned to his home. When Johnson fell asleep, the victim fled the residence to a neighbor's house for help.

Adams said the victim suffered several internal injuries, multiple contusions and some of her facial bones were allegedly broken. She was subsequently airlifted to a Boston hospital for treatment.

Attorney Robert Moriarty, who represents Johnson, said he didn't believe prosecutors met their burden in proving his client is a danger to the victim or the community at large. He also stated that there has been indication by an independent person that the victim doesn't wish to go forward with the case.

Moriarty said that Johnson doesn't have a history of "this behavior," but if Barrett were to find him dangerous, he suggested he order him to stay from the victim.

"He has children in middle school that he needs to support. It's his main focus at this particular point in time," Moriarty said.

Cape and Islands Assistant District Attorney Dan Higgins said that the victim's injuries lifted to Boston "speak for themselves."

"He presents a danger to this community for any other reason he feels entitled to drag or injure should he become involved through the pendency of

this case," Higgins said.

Higgins requested that Johnson be held for 120 days, the maximum amount of time he could be held without bail for dangerousness, as defined by the new Massachusetts Domestic Violence Law.

Barrett said he appreciated Moriarty's argument, but said he was inclined to hold Johnson.

"The testimony and the allegations and the photographs show me there's a clear and present danger to this person," Barrett said.

Johnson was ordered to return to court March 2 for a probable-cause hearing.

He was also arraigned last Thursday on a charge of possessing ammunition without a Firearms Identification Card (FID). According to information released during the court session, a .22-caliber bullet was found in Johnson's vehicle after during a search warrant. A pre-trial hearing was scheduled for March 2.

In other District Court news from last Thursday, Wesley L. Lamotta, 27, of 8 Equator Drive, was sentenced to 18 months in the Barnstable House of Corrections with six months to serve and the balance suspended for three years stemming from a July 29, 2013 charge of distribution of a class B drug.

After making an admission to distribution of a class C drug, Lamotta was placed on probation for three years stemming from a July 25, 2013 charge of distribution of a class B drug. A July 27, 2013 charge of distribution of a class B drug was dismissed.

Due to weather and the judges' inability to make it to the island, all cases during Monday's District Court session were continued to later dates.

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# Middle-age suicides rattle Nantucket

Island is grappling with troubles for the middle-aged



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Tess Pearson of Family & Children's Services said the suicides caught the island by surprise.

By Brian MacQuarrie | GLOBE STAFF FEBRUARY 01, 2015



**' NANTUCKET** — Seven middle-age residents of Nantucket have committed suicide since October, shattering the off-season quiet and sending islanders scrambling for answers



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e,” said Tess Pearson, executive  
ket. “It’s a huge loss.”

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orkers said they cannot yet point to an overarching reason for the suicides. But deceased had been struggling with substance abuse, said Steve Jochim, the artment of Mental Health director for Cape Cod and the Islands.

c pressures and depression also appear to have played a role in the decision to suicide, health officials said. Some had lost a job, some had difficulty finding and some were reeling from a broken relationship.

and favored by the rich and famous — “the 0.5 percent,” as Pearson put it — s have brought new attention to the pressures on residents who call Nantucket 12 months a year. For many of them, health workers said, a plea for help is ed an admission of weakness.

age men are not going to ask for help. They do not want to be seen at a mental- nter, and then you compound it with the whole way of thinking on Nantucket, iercely independent,” Jochim said. “Nobody is reaching out for help.”

ctance could partly explain why middle-age men are four times more likely en to commit suicide on Cape Cod and the Islands, Jochim said. Overall, n the Cape and Islands increased 140 percent to 36 in 2011 from 15 in 2000, g to the latest available data from the Barnstable County human services ent.

far outstripped the state’s 51 percent rise to 585 suicides in 2011 from 387 in ording to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Across the the rate rose 35 percent to 39,518 from 29,350.

e had the recession here, it was awful,” Jochim said. “People on the islands and need to work two or three jobs to make a go of it.”

use to the latest deaths, health workers are conducting what one state official called a “psychological autopsy” to determine whether the people who committed suicide shared certain behaviors and concerns.

Workers also have rolled out an outreach campaign. An educational session attracted more than 100 people to a high school in early January.

Workers are providing larger employers with information about services. And counselors are visiting places where vulnerable men, particularly middle-age ones, are gathering.

“If you are a 50-year-old man and you’re not working, where are you today?” Pearson said.

The answer led some staff members to the island’s bars, where they found many patrons who were willing to talk outside of a clinical setting. If they were not at risk themselves, Pearson said, many of them knew someone who might be.

However, providing services is difficult on an expensive island that has a shortage of clinicians and long waiting lists for treatment, said Peter MacKay, social services manager at Cottage Hospital here.

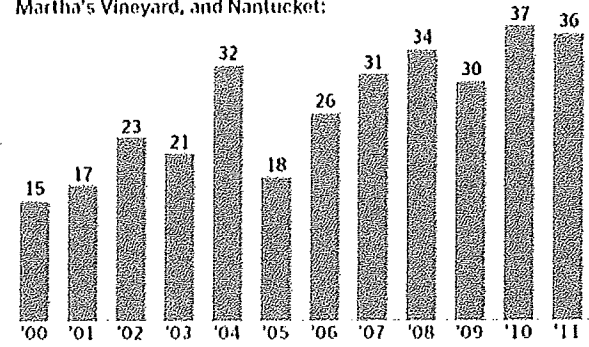
“We have a hard time right now meeting our mental health needs on a day-to-day basis,” MacKay said.

Attracting more staff also is a struggle because of the high cost of living, health workers said. “If I could find two or three clinicians who could have affordable housing here, I’d be in a different spot,” Pearson said.

Housing pressures appear to have played a role in some of the deaths, Jochim said, as more winter rentals are converted into second homes by people who live off Nantucket. For year-rounders displaced by that trend, the urgency to find another rental is one more hurdle to make ends meet in the off-season.

### Suicides on Cape Cod and the Islands

Includes Barnstable County,  
Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket:



SOURCE: Barnstable County Dept. of Human Services

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'On a recent rainy afternoon, the cobblestone streets were nearly empty. Many of the restaurants and bars that thrive in summer were closed. And some that were open for business could count their customers on a single hand.

"It's pretty depressing down here this time of year. There's nothing to do," said 75-year-old Joe Lozouski. "Look outside. You could fire a cannon around here and not hit anybody."



ROB BENCHLEY FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

**When summer ends Nantucket develops something of a ghost-town appearance.**

That annual winter retrenchment — from a crowded resort in the summer to a small community of 10,000 residents in the cold months — means that many Nantucketers were acquainted with one or more of the deceased.

"It bothers us because we know these people," Lozouski said. "One of the guys, you never thought he would do anything like that."

David Goodman, a tile contractor and columnist for The Inquirer and Mirror newspaper, said the suicides are an occasional, unfortunate byproduct of island life.

"The more isolated you are, the colder it is, the more drinking there is, the more substance abuse, the more suicides," Goodman said. "It is what it is. I'm not sure what you can do to make it better."

Pearson said one key will be breaking down resistance to asking for help.

"We are trying to shift that mentality," Pearson said. The thinking must be that "we look out for one another, and we look out for co-workers," even to the point of asking someone if he or she is contemplating suicide.

"Suicide has been happening on this island for as long as anyone can remember," Pearson said. "I don't think we're out of the woods."

Health workers urge Nantucketers in crisis to call suicide prevention hot lines any time at Family and Children's Services of Nantucket, 508-228-2689, and the Samaritans, 800-893-9900.

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People Qui	Nantucket	Massachusetts				
Population,	NA	6,745,408				
Population,	10,399	6,708,874				
Population,	10,172	6,547,817				
Population,	NA	3.0%				
Population,	2.2%	2.5%				
Population,	10,172	6,547,629				
Persons ur	6.1%	5.5%				
Persons ur	20.2%	20.8%				
Persons 65	13.6%	14.8%				
Female pe	48.6%	51.5%				
White alon	88.9%	83.2%				
Black or Af	7.9%	8.1%				
American I	0.2%	0.5%				
Asian alon	1.4%	6.0%				
Native Haw	Z	0.1%				
Two or Mo	1.7%	2.1%				
Hispanic o	11.3%	10.5%				
White alon	78.4%	75.1%				
Living in se	90.0%	86.7%				
Foreign bo	16.6%	15.0%				
Language	13.0%	21.9%				
High schoo	94.0%	89.4%				
Bachelor's	44.0%	39.4%				
Veterans, 2	510	383,087				
Mean trave	12.1	28				
Housing ur	11,715	2,813,536				
Homeowne	65.8%	62.7%				
Housing ur	10.4%	41.7%				
Median val	\$929,700	\$330,100				
Household	4,069	2,530,147				
Persons pe	2.4	2.51				
Per capita	\$47,331	\$35,763				
Median ho	\$85,478	\$66,866				
Persons be	10.4%	11.4%				
Business C	Nantucket	Massachusetts				
Private nor	921	171,278				
Private nor	3,948	3,035,897				
Private nor	10.9%	2.5%				
Nonemploy	2,215	480,410				
Total numb	3,017	596,790				
Black-own	S	3.4%				
American I	F	0.4%				
Asian-own	S	4.5%				
Native Haw	F	0.0%				
Hispanic-o	S	3.3%				
Women-ov	24.3%	29.8%				

Manufacturing	0	86,428,959			
Merchant v	39,771	95,275,672			
Retail sales	342,825	88,082,966			
Retail sales	\$30,997	\$13,553			
Accommod	88,915	14,917,210			
Building pe	109	14,569			
Geography	Nantucket	Massachusetts			
Land area	44.97	7,800.06			
Persons pe	226.2	839.4			
FIPS Code	19	25			
Metropolita	None				
(a) Includes persons reporting only one race.					
(b) Hispanics may be of any race, so also are included in applicable race categories.					
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X: Not applicable					
S: Suppressed; does not meet publication standards					
Z: Value greater than zero but less than half unit of measure shown					
F: Fewer than 100 firms					
Source: US Census Bureau State & County QuickFacts					

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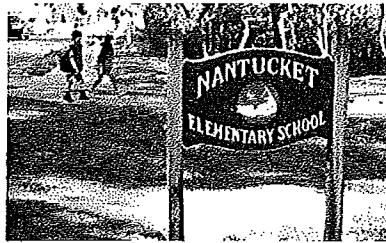
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## Major Demographic Shifts Hit Nantucket Schools

By JASON GRAZIADEI

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*LISTEN Nantucket residents and school officials talk about the changes in population on island and how these demographic shifts are impacting the school system.*



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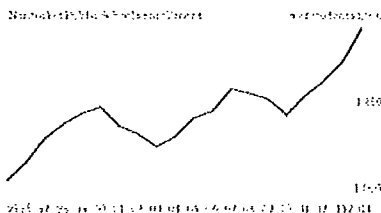
**Credit Jason Graziadei**

**It's a Tuesday morning at Nantucket Elementary School. Buses are arriving. Students and teachers are streaming into the main lobby preparing for another day of classes.**

These are the sights and sounds of a typical Massachusetts elementary school. Except, not quite.

With nearly 700 students (<http://profiles.doc.mass.edu/profiles/student.aspx?orgcode=01920005&orgtypecode=6&fycode=2014>) in preschool through fifth grade, Nantucket Elementary School's enrollment puts it among the largest public elementary schools in the state. During the past 10 years, elementary school enrollment here has increased by 30 percent.

"This elementary school is bigger than all 12 elementary schools I supervised in Albany, New York," said elementary school principal Kim Kubisch, who came to the island three years ago. "Having 700 kids in one place is the biggest elementary school that I've been a part of."



The increase in enrollment has forced Kubisch and the school to adapt. Outside the main building are two modular trailers that house the fifth grade classrooms. The school's computer lab is now wheeled around the building on a cart.

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Most people perceive our enrollment challenge as a challenge for the elementary school, but it's really far larger than that," Cozort said.

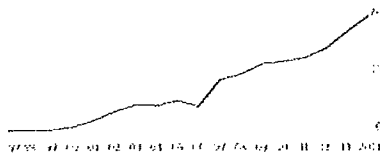
It's a challenge that recently pushed Cozort and the School Committee to submit a notice (<http://www.nantucket-ma.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/03262014-1188?packet=true#>) to the Massachusetts School Building Authority that the district intends to build a new school facility and is seeking state funding to offset some of the cost.

Meanwhile, the rise in enrollment coincides with another, perhaps more significant shift in the island's public schools. Nantucket's demographics are changing. Twenty years ago the school district was nearly all white. Today the island's public schools have significant percentages of Hispanic and African-American students from Central and South America, and the Caribbean, an influx that Cozort has seen accelerate in his three years as Nantucket superintendent.

"Twenty years ago, 97 percent of our student body was Caucasian. Today it's 61 percent," Cozort said. "And we have 21 percent Hispanic students and probably 15 percent African American of which the largest group is Jamaican. So our demographics have shifted."

At the elementary school today, one in four

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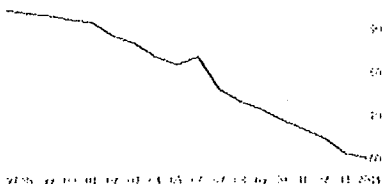
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are still learning to speak English. The school identifies these students as English Language Learners, or ELL, and they require special instruction in reading, writing and speaking. The current kindergarten class of 136 students is the largest grade in the entire district, and nearly a quarter of them were identified as ELL.

In the fall, Kubisch says the school will add a fourth ELL instructor to accommodate the growing number of non-English speaking students.

"I would say the biggest population we have here are Spanish speaking," Kubisch said, "behind that would come Portuguese, but then we have Russian, we have Bulgarian, we have Nepalese, we have Thai..."

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Cozort said the school system has responded to the growing number of non-English speaking students by adding a full-time interpreter to his staff. He projected that the district's \$400,000 ELL budget could soon approach \$1 million as it adds more teachers and eventually a full-time, dedicated director.

But those challenges are tempered by what he sees as the opportunities of a school system that is quickly diversifying.

"I like to point to the boys soccer team, it's like the United Nations," Cozort said.

"You've got an American goalkeeper, a Jamaican sweeper, a kid from El Salvador at



left mid, a kid from Ireland as a striker, a kid from Mexico and Brazil, and it works, because they have a common language and a common goal. It's pretty special. They don't look at each other as from a country. That's my teammate."

School officials point to an improving economy, specifically the island's recovering building and tourism industries, to explain the rising enrollment in Nantucket's schools. But what's driving immigrants to come and settle on a remote island where the cost of living is extremely high?

Nantucket resident and demographer Peter Morrison said Nantucket offers the promise of opportunity.

"Nantucket has many of the hallmarks of what we refer to in my field as an immigrant entry port," Morrison said.

"And by that I mean a place where people from all over the planet are drawn to move, to seek a future beyond the regions of birth."

I like to point to the boys soccer team, it's like the United Nations. - Superintendent Michael Cozort

Morrison, who spent 40 years analyzing population trends (<https://www.linkedin.com/pub/peter-a-morrison/6/91/bb1>) for the Rand Corporation, said island's recent immigrants were able to find good-paying and steady jobs on the island, and spread the word to family and friends who followed.

"And what happens is this conveyor belt of people who come and go seasonally with the tourist industry here, some small fraction of the individuals on that conveyor belt coming and going step off and decide to make Nantucket their home," Morrison said.

Morrison said these new island residents quickly recognized that Nantucket's schools offer educational opportunities their children couldn't get elsewhere, so they strive to keep them enrolled. Despite the initial language barrier, many students have seized those opportunities.

Consider Nantucket High School senior Carlos Chavez. Chavez said his family fled El Salvador in the 1990s and settled in Boston before following his uncle, a janitor at Nantucket High School, to the island.

Chavez was just two years old when his family came to Nantucket. He learned to speak English by watching TV and through the ELL program at the elementary school.

"The program was not that big," he said. "There was very little Hispanics at the school at that time, compared to now."



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Carlos Chavez, right, whose family fled from El Salvador in the 1990s before settling on Nantucket, was named homecoming king of Nantucket High School in the fall of 2013. Here he is shown with Homecoming queen Mikayla Molla.

Credit Amanda Sandoval

Fast-forward to his senior year of high school, and Chavez was named homecoming king in the fall, played soccer, ran the finances for the school newspaper, and was just recognized as one of the top students in his class during a scholarship competition. In the fall, he will attend Lehigh University.

As he prepares to leave the district and the island, Chavez said the school's goal should be to expand the ELL program, so those coming up behind him have the same opportunities.

"I think we should really put emphasis on this ELL program to really motivate these kids and give them opportunities that their parents didn't have," he said. "They can be first generation Americans, first generation college students and just set a new legacy."

That legacy, whatever it may be, will indeed be a new one for Nantucket Public Schools, and one forged by students from all over the world.

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## Enrollment

SCHOOL YEAR	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
1993-1994	22	93	80	92	87	79	95	85	66	82	74	48	54	43	1000
1994-1995	18	91	94	76	93	86	78	92	87	74	82	72	46	53	1042
1995-1996	18	105	97	95	74	90	91	84	94	90	72	76	69	38	1093
1996-1997	21	87	107	104	97	79	91	93	83	94	88	68	79	71	1162
1997-1998	22	99	94	108	105	103	78	93	91	86	93	83	69	81	1205
1998-1999	20	98	103	97	114	104	101	84	95	93	83	82	94	69	1237
1999-2000	21	96	96	101	96	110	106	105	85	98	95	78	89	79	1255
2000-2001	19	69	94	89	95	98	103	100	103	83	95	95	76	82	1201
2001-2002	20	85	70	93	91	90	92	97	100	103	90	95	86	66	1178

2002-2003	19	74	83	76	86	84	90	84	94	97	109	76	93	76	1141
2003-2004	23	91	79	88	72	91	85	93	87	97	106	98	75	83	1168
2004-2005	37	91	96	84	87	81	95	88	98	91	113	100	95	67	1223
2005-2006	34	107	98	94	86	85	81	95	79	96	103	100	100	85	1243
2006-2007	38	101	104	101	96	88	89	83	104	90	112	109	98	95	1308
2007-2008	17	109	101	102	94	96	88	92	85	104	110	104	101	92	1295
2008-2009	44	83	112	93	97	97	89	92	86	84	112	101	95	93	1278
2009-2010	27	85	92	109	88	101	85	92	85	89	98	107	92	83	1233
2010-2011	27	94	96	89	108	96	104	95	96	92	110	85	107	90	1289
2011-2012	26	107	104	98	93	112	93	105	95	100	124	93	86	94	1330
2012-2013	28	106	111	104	105	89	113	104	106	96	130	108	103	83	1386
2013-2014	22	136	108	105	111	108	93	126	108	114	119	127	106	98	1481
2014-2015	24	124	134	111	110	113	109	94	132	109	136	135	125	101	1557

<http://www.nantucketschoolsproject.com/enrollment.html>

## Attachment A

## COMMUNITY NEEDS STATEMENT

Level	Definition	Services Included
Level One Basic Necessities	Required by all community members in order to sustain life itself	Nutrition (e.g. food pantry, meals on wheels, food stamps)
		Shelter (e.g. affordable safe housing, rental assistance, emergency aid to homeless persons)
		Utilities (e.g. fuel assistance, other utilities assistance programs)
		Access to: health care and disease prevention and management, mental health care, and dental care (this includes both direct services and enrollment in insurance and other programs which provide access including education programs that foster self sufficiency);
Level Two Other Fundamental Needs	Enable community members to live decent, healthy lives in safety and with self respect	Child and elder day care
		Domestic violence prevention and victim support and education;
		Substance abuse prevention and education and treatment;
		Support and education for persons and families with developmental challenges
Level Three Emergency / Disaster Preparedness	Required by the community as a whole in times of emergency / disaster	Access to civil legal services and education that protect both basic necessities and other fundamental needs.
		All necessary services ancillary to police, fire and harbor protection agencies to protect the population

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## TOWN OF NANTUCKET

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## Count of Residents By Ward and Precinct

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Ward No	Princt No	Active	Inactive	Non-Voter	Grand Total
0	1	8229	416	3839	12484
0 Total		8229	416	3839	12484
Grand Total		8229	416	3839	12484

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NANTUCKET TOWN CLERK

**Quarterly Reporting format****FY'15****Reporting period:** July 1- Sept 30, 2014**Services Provided:** NCH Social Services**Number of hours provided this quarter:** 422 (last qtr 441)**Number of individual contacts this quarter:** 1007 (last qtr 1329)**Brief Narrative**

This quarter was relatively busy in the primary Social Service office. The MSW and Social Work Assistant (also NCH's Interpreter) were busier with community problems; financial, housing and people turning 65 and needing Medicare explained as well as heavier than normal Indigent fund and transportation fund usage. Interestingly, the Health Care Advocates were a little less busy this quarter. They are having a little "calm before the storm" in that ALL Masshealth recipients enrolled in 2014 will need to re enroll between the times of November 15 through December 31, 2014! This will undoubtedly be a very large number of people in a very short period of time.

Also I would anecdotally note the fact that so many other Human Service agencies seem to be referring their clients to our offices for all insurance/food stamp/public health service enrollments as well as a large variety of other problems that require the skills of a social worker. In addition, we appear to be the primary stop for Spanish speaking patients, regardless of what agency is trying to provide services.

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## **Quarterly Reporting format**

**FY'15**

**Reporting period:** Oct 1-Dec 31, 2014

**Services Provided:** NCH Social Services

**Number of hours provided this quarter:** 635 (last qtr 422)

**Number of individual contacts this quarter:** 1553 (last qtr 1007)

### **Brief Narrative**

This quarter was very busy in the NCH Social Service office. The MSW and Social Work Assistant (also NCH's Interpreter) were busier than normal with the open enrollment period for Medicare D Prescription going from Oct 15 through Dec 7. This period alone added 300+ visits to our office to assist them with choosing the best plan for 2015. We continued to address community problems; financial, housing and people needing medications. Transportation fund usage continues to be heavily utilized as well. Significant additional time had to be provided in order to provide this service and still meet the typical hospital demands.

The Health Care Advocates were also very busy this quarter and will continue to be as the states open enrollment period is running from Nov 15 through Feb 15, 2015. Appointments from community members seeking assistance are being booked 2-3 weeks out! We have even tapped into per diem employees to help out during this period of time. The increase from last quarter to this quarter shows an approximate 34% increase in volume, both hours and contacts in order to meet the community demand.

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